

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising the steps of:
  - a) concurrently generating a scan pattern for reading a barcode label and a sensing field for interrogating a radio frequency identification label by the a checkout device;
  - b) if no item identification information is received from at least one of the scan pattern and the sensing field by the checkout device in response to the generating step, activating a bad read indicator to indicate a single bad read indication by the checkout device; and
  - c) if item identification information is received from at least one of the scan pattern and the sensing field by the checkout device in response to the generating step, activating a good read indicator to indicate a single good read indication by the checkout device.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein step b) comprises the step of:
  - b-1) activating a bad read light indicator to indicate a single bad read indication by the checkout device.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein step b) comprises the step of:
  - b-1) activating a bad read tone indicator to indicate a single bad read indication by the checkout device.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein step c) comprises the step of:
  - c-1) activating a good read light indicator to indicate a single good read indication by the checkout device.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein step c) comprises the step of:

c-1) activating a good read tone indicator to indicate a single good read indication by the checkout device.

6. (Currently amended) A method of notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising the steps of:

- a) receiving an indication that the item has passed over by a checkout device;
- b) concurrently generating a scan pattern for reading a barcode label and a sensing field for interrogating a radio frequency identification label by the checkout device;
- c) if no item identification information is received from at least one of the scan pattern and the sensing field by the checkout device in response to the generating step, activating a bad read indicator to indicate a single bad read indication by the checkout device; and
- d) if item identification information is received from at least one of the scan pattern and the sensing field by the checkout device in response to the generating step, activating a good read indicator to indicate a single good read indication.

7. (Currently amended) A system for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item comprising:

a barcode reader;

a radio frequency identification label reader;

a good read indicator;

a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to concurrently read a number of product labels with the barcode reader and the radio frequency identification label reader, including at least one of a barcode label and a radio frequency identification label on an item;

wherein the control circuitry activates a bad read indicator to indicate a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receive item identification information from at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label; and

wherein the control circuitry activates a good read indicator to indicate a single good read indication if the control circuitry receives item identification information from at least one of the barcode label and the radio frequency identification label.

8. (Currently amended) A checkout device comprising:

a barcode reader;

a radio frequency identification label reader;

a good read indicator;

a bad read indicator; and

control circuitry for concurrently causing the barcode reader to generate a scan pattern for reading a barcode label, for causing and the radio frequency identification label reader to generate a sensing field for interrogating a radio frequency identification label, and for notifying an operator of a result of attempting to read a number of product labels on an item;

wherein the control circuitry activates a bad read indicator to indicate a single bad read indication if the control circuitry fails to receive item identification information from at least one of the scan pattern and the sensing field; and

wherein the control circuitry activates a good read indicator to indicate a single good read indication if the control circuitry receives item identification information from at least one of the scan pattern and the sensing field.